UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	:	Chapter 11
VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC.,	: et al.,:	Case No. 22-10943 (MEW)
D.1. 1	:	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors. ¹	: Y	

ORDER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF PAUL HASTINGS LLP AS SPECIAL REGULATORY COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

Upon consideration of the application (the "Application")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for an order pursuant to sections 327(e) and 330 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), rule 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and rule 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules"), authorizing the retention and employment of Paul Hastings LLP ("Paul Hastings") effective as of the Petition Date, as special regulatory and conflicts counsel to the Debtors; and upon consideration of (i) the Murphy Declaration, (ii) the Ehrlich Declaration, (iii) the Supplemental Declaration of Matthew M. Murphy in Support of Debtors' Application Pursuant to Sections 327(e) and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code for Authority to Employ and Retain Paul Hastings LLP as Special Regulatory and Conflicts Counsel, Effective as of the Petition Date (the "First")

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. (7687); Voyager Digital Ltd. (7224); and Voyager Digital, LLC (8013). The location of the Debtors' principal place of business is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003.

² Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

Supplemental Murphy Declaration") [Docket No. 1053], and (iv) the Second Supplemental Declaration of Matthew M. Murphy in Support of Debtors' Application Pursuant to Sections 327(e) and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code for Authority to Employ and Retain Paul Hastings LLP as Special Regulatory and Conflicts Counsel, Effective as of the Petition Date (the "Second Supplemental Murphy Declaration") [Docket No. 1206]; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and consideration of the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157; and venue being proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Application having been given; and the Court having found that (i) the relief requested in the Application is in the best interest of the Debtors, their creditors, and all parties in interest, (ii) the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application, the Murphy Declaration, the First Supplemental Murphy Declaration, the Second Supplemental Murphy Declaration, and the Ehrlich Declaration, and upon the record of any hearing on the Application before this Court establish just cause for the relief granted herein, (iii) Paul Hastings does not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to matters on which the Debtors seek to employ Paul Hastings; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and any objections to the relief requested herein having been withdrawn or overruled on the merits; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby **ORDERED THAT:**

- 1. The Application is granted and approved to the extent set forth herein.
- 2. In accordance with sections 327(e) and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to employ and retain Paul Hastings as their special regulatory counsel, effective as of the Petition Date.

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- 3. The Application is withdrawn with prejudice with respect to, and Paul Hastings will not represent the Debtors in connection with, the Conflict Matter, defined in the Application as the services related to the filing and prosecuting a claim in the chapter 11 cases of Celsius Network LLC and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession and opposing the late filed claim of Celsius Network LLC in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases. Further, Paul Hastings will not seek compensation in connection with its representation of the Debtors in the Conflict Matter.
- 4. Paul Hastings shall be compensated for its services as special counsel and reimbursed for any reimbursement of reasonable related expenses in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, Amended Guidelines, the Local Rules, and any other application procedures and orders of the Court. Paul Hastings shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's request for information and additional disclosures set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective as of November 1, 2013*, both in connection with the Application and all applications for compensation and reimbursement of expenses filed by Paul Hastings in the Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors shall be jointly and severally responsible for Paul Hastings' compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 5. Prior to any increases in Paul Hastings' rates for any individual retained by Paul Hastings and providing services in these cases, Paul Hastings shall file a supplemental affidavit with the Court and provide ten business days' notice to the Debtors, the United States Trustee and any official committee. The supplemental affidavit shall explain the basis for the requested rate increases in accordance with Section 330(a)(3)(F) of the Bankruptcy Code and state whether the Debtors have consented to the rate increase. The United States Trustee retains all rights to object

to any rate increase on all grounds including, but not limited to, the reasonableness standard provided for in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 6. Paul Hastings shall not charge a markup to the Debtors with respect to fees billed by contract attorneys who are hired by Paul Hastings solely to provide services to the Debtors and shall ensure that any such contract attorneys are subject to conflict checks and disclosures in accordance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules.
- 7. Paul Hastings shall use its best efforts to avoid any duplication of services provided by any of the Debtors' other retained professionals in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 8. Paul Hastings shall not withdraw as the Debtors' counsel prior to the effective date of any chapter 11 plan confirmed in the Chapter 11 Cases without prior approval of this Court in accordance with Local Rule 2090-1(e).
- 9. To the extent the Application, the Murphy Declaration, the First Supplemental Murphy Declaration, the Second Supplemental Murphy Declaration, or the Paul Hastings Agreement is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.
- 10. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Application, and the requirements of the Local Rules are satisfied by the contents of the Application.
- 11. The Debtors and Paul Hastings are authorized and empowered to take all necessary actions to implement the relief granted in this Order.
- 12. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

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13. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order, including without limitation any disputes as to fees or as to the services provided by Paul Hastings.

Dated: New York, New York March 28, 2023

/s/ Michael E. Wiles
THE HONORABLE MICHAEL E. WILES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE